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REMARKS

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Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed October 05, 2006. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in light of the claim amendments and accompanying arguments in support of patentability.

Claims 12 and 13 were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated.

Amended claim 1 incorporates the limitations of objected to original claim 13, and amended claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of original claims 1 and 11 (now cancelled) and objected to claim 12. Claims 2-10 and 14-16 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, and likewise new claims 17-21 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 12. Accordingly, all remaining claims are now deemed allowable.

All formal and informal matters have been addressed. The application is deemed to be in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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